



Parchman state penitentiary prepares inmates for release through programs

PARCHMAN - Seventeen inmates, resumes in hand, traveled from various units within the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman to Unit 25's Education Building to participate in mock interviews recently. The men had demonstrated, whether through education, technical training, or inmate job opportunities, that they had prepared themselves for a better life on the outside.

Kimberly Meeks, education director for Units 25 and 30, assembled a panel of seven men and women from employers in the Delta community to conduct the real-world job interviews. Here is an excerpt from an article in The Parchman Chronicles about the event



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The Parchman Chronicles asked three individuals about their experience that day

Q: After this mock interview, do you feel more confident to experience a real job interview and do well?



"I definitely feel more confident after going through this. I think my nerves will be calmer and I will be able to say what I need to say and succeed."

Q: Knowing you will re-enter society soon, do you feel like you are better equipped to succeed?



"Yes, because I have grown and bettered myself which will allow me to help my community by being a good citizen. I have learned a lot which motivated me to continue to pursue education."

Q: As a whole, how has your education experience at MSP influenced you?



"It has influenced me in a positive way. I came to Unit 25 to get my HiSet diploma and I am now taking college courses. Through the re-entry program, I took classes like Coping with Anger and Reaching your Potential which will help me when I go back to the world."

